

SOUTH BRENT PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of a meeting of the Open Spaces Committee held on 15 October 2012, at 7.30 pm in The Old School Centre, Totnes Road, South Brent.

Open Forum for discussion with members of the public

Nothing was raised.

OS 1-10-12 Record of members present

Cllr Peter Kelly in the Chair, Cllrs Mark Copleston, John Summers, Greg Wall and Donna Warne were present; Julia Willoughby clerk to the Council was in attendance

OS 2-10-12 Apologies for absence

None.

OS 3-10-12 Declarations of interest (nature and extent) with regard to items on the agenda

None declared.

OS 4-10-12 Public participation session with respect to items on the agenda

Nothing was raised.

OS 5-10-12 Confirmation of minutes of the last meeting and report any matters arising – for information only

Minutes of the last meeting were confirmed and signed.
Spikes sticking out of the footpath at L'Aune have been removed.

OS 6-10-12 Vicarage Road Allotment Association: update

A new Council representative will be sought.
The uplift clause on the land will not be pursued by the previous owners.

OS 7-10-12 Grounds maintenance update

Nothing to report; the three year contract may end on 31.3.13.

OS 8-10-12 Railway Wood: report dates of inspections carried out, and plan future inspections

Inspection of Railway Wood all fine.

Future inspections: Oct - MC; Nov - PK; Dec - GW; Jan - DWa.

OS 9-10-12 Play area at Sanderspool Cross:

- Ball games in the play area; children playing football in the play area are a danger to young children. The Committee recommends that **a new sign saying "No ball games" is erected in the play area.**
- Update on security issues; there have been further incidents of minor damage, people will be asked to report these to the Police.
- Improvements to the toilet; soap is being refilled, but the new toilet tissue holder has not been installed yet.
- New picnic bench; the new adult size picnic bench will be located near the boundary wall with Avon close.

OS 10-10-12 Parking on the cobbled area in Wellington Square

A reminder will be issued to each property advising that there should be no vehicles on the cobbled area; enquiries will be made to find out the cost of more granite troughs to prevent vehicles being parked.

OS 11-10-12 Use of the stone litter bin at Sanderspool Cross

The bin will need drainage holes if it is to be used for plants; Mr Illman will be asked for a price to carry out this work.

OS 12-10-12 Annual inspection of seats and benches

Seats at the entrance to Chapel Field and at Splatton need some attention (Mr Illman will be advised).

OS 13-10-12 Consider any works required on the bus shelters

Mr Illman was asked to refurbish the bus shelter opposite London Inn Mews some months ago, as a delay in such work reflects badly on the Council the Committee recommends that **when the parish handyman is asked to carry out works, if he is unable to complete these within 28 days he should state a timescale.**

OS 14-10-12 Formulate the budget request for 2013-14

The budget line for Open Spaces for this year is £1,500 and so far £1,802 has been spent – mainly due to vandalism at the play area.

A request will be made for £2,000 for 2013-14 as it may be possible to mark the crossing point in Station Road (to deter motorists from parking there).

OS 15-10-12 Any items for the next agenda, and the date of the next meeting

The provisional date for the next meeting is 21 January 2013.

(SHDC will be contacted regarding shrubs which need attention at Higher Green and litter around the bins at the Anchor Building.)

The meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.